

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.132. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephonic interview with Brigitte L. Echols on June 5, 2008.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 3: --the-- has been inserted before "pads" in line 1.

Claim 4: --said-- has been inserted before "pads" in line 1.

Claim 13: "a pad" in line 2 has been changed to --one of the pads--.

Claim 15: --of said-- has been inserted before "pads" in line 1.

In the specification:

In paragraph 0017, "12" in line 2 has been deleted.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-23.

For independent claim 1 the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a borehole tool comprising: a series of pads mounted on the arms so as to be pivotable relative thereto; wherein the pads are pivotable about a radial axis relative to the tool body, and the pads are elongate pads adjacently arranged to provide different circumferential coverage in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

Claims 2-23 recite limitations which, in combination with allowed claim 1, render the dependent claims allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited in PTO-892 disclose related borehole tools.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. Alexander Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-2251. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A. Reichard can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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